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Sir:

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French Patent Publication No. 923.764 appears to disclose a rear bicycle derailleur coupled to a bicycle frame for shifting a chain laterally across the rear sprockets. The inner guide plate 13₂ appears to have a flange adjacent the pulley 4 located between the reference numerals 4 and 7 as best seen in Figure 2.

French Patent Publication No. 2 651 474 appears to disclose a mechanism for rapidly mounting an assembly comprising a plate (6), two rollers (8, 10), a rod (12) secured to the plate to pivot on a lower derailleur support (4), and a tension spring (14) interposed between this plate and this lower support as best seen in Figures 1 and 2. An English abstract for this patent publication is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 60-188086 appears to disclose a rear bicycle derailleur 1 having a chain guide 8 with guide plates 9 and 10 having a pulley 12 mounted therebetween as best seen in Figure 3. The plate 10 has a flange 23 while the pulley 12 appears to have cutouts. A pair of thinner plate members appear to be mounted adjacent the guide plates 9 and 10 on opposite sides of the pulley 12.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 60-188087 appears to disclose a rear bicycle derailleur 1 having a chain guide 8 with guide plates 9 and 10 having a pulley 12 mounted therebetween as best seen in Figure 3. The plate 10 has a flange 10a while the pulley 12 appears to have cutouts. A pair of plate members appear to be mounted adjacent the guide plates 9 and 10 on opposite sides of the pulley 12. The shape of the flange member 10a is shown in Figures 1 and 4-6.


Japanese Patent Publication No. 60-195287 appears to disclose a rear derailleur having a pair of guide plates 9 and 10 with a pair of pulleys 11 and 12 mounted therebetween. Each of the pulleys 11 and 12 appears to have cutouts with a portion of the guide plate 10 or a portion of a thinner plate 18 received in the cutouts as best seen in Figure 4.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 61-17393 appears to disclose a rear derailleur with a pair of guide plates 9 and 10 having pulley 12(11) mounted therebetween. The pulley 12(11) appears to have cutouts. A pair of thinner plate members appear to be mounted adjacent the guide plates 9 and 10 on opposite ends of the pulley 12(11) with a portion received in the cutouts of the pulley 12(11) as best seen in Figure 2.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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